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I feel that the Proposed Final Judgement in United States v. Microsoft - though a step in the right direction - is deficient in one major are: Many important API's and file formats would remain undocumented!

This is important as an Senior Software Engineer with over 12 years of experience. I have been developing applications on many platforms and a common thread in the development process is understanding exactly what you are trying to make your program 'talk' to. If Microsoft is allowed to continue to keep proprietary standards and API's for their operating system and middleware products, it will be increasingly difficult for software development companies and independent developers alike to compete with the monopoly that Microsoft has created.

The only true way to solve this problem is to make Microsoft document ALL of the API's and file formats that the Windows operating system and middleware products use.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter

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